

Economic Regeneration

The **Road Safety and Travel Awareness Team** provides advice on safety to a range of age groups.

Pedestrian Education

We deliver a range of training to pedestrians of all ages in order to develop their knowledge and awareness of how to stay safe when close to the roads.

The training that we deliver includes the following;

- Pedestrian Training, our practical pedestrian training scheme is aimed at pupils in year one and two and consists of a classroom session and several practical sessions, where the children are taken outside the school and practice crossing the roads safely. The practical pedestrian training covers a range of topics such as holding hands with adults when close to the roads, using the Green Cross Code, safe and unsafe places to cross and practical experience of crossing the roads using safer places to cross. At the end of the sessions the children are given literature to take away with them and share with their parents/carers and are encouraged to share and practice what they have learnt during the sessions.
- Transition Training, our transition training scheme is specifically targeted at children in year six who will be moving on to secondary schools. The sessions cover distractions faced by pedestrians and drivers, stopping distances, using safer places to cross and the importance of journey planning.

Pre-Driver Education

As part of our programme of road safety education we deliver pre-driver education to pupils who attend secondary schools and colleges within the Dudley Borough. The training aims to prepare the students for learning to drive and also covers topics such as safety as a passenger in a vehicle and peer pressure.

Driving Safer for Longer Courses

Our driving safer for longer courses are aimed at drivers aged 50+. The sessions are held at community venues across the Borough and last for half a day. The sessions are presented by members of the road safety team working in partnership with the Fire Service and Institute of Advances Motorists and cover a range of driving related topics and safety tips. At the end of the session participants are given a range of educational resources to take away with them.

Independent Travel Training

We deliver Independent Travel Training to students with a range of specific needs who are currently provided with a taxi to transport them to local colleges. The scheme provides one to one training to the students

who are referred on to the scheme in order to enable them to gain the knowledge, awareness and confidence associated with travelling by public transport. Throughout the training the students use public transport to travel to college with the support of their trainer with the ultimate aim of the students being able to make their journey independently. During the training the students complete a booklet which covers a range of safety related topics such as crossing the roads safely, how to deal with unexpected situations, keeping personal belongings safe and various issues related to personal safety when travelling independently. Upon successful completion of the booklet the students receive an accredited qualification from the National Open College Network.

Cycle Safety

We deliver Bikeability cycle training to pupils who attend primary and secondary schools within the Borough. The cycle training teaches the children about riding safely both on and off road and also covers how to check bikes to ensure that they are road worthy prior to starting a journey. As well as cycle training in schools we also provide one to one cycle training sessions for adults and group training at colleges and community venues.

On the first Saturday of each month we run 'Saturday Cycle Training' at local parks. The training is suitable for a range of abilities from complete beginners to current cyclists who wish to refresh their knowledge when cycling on the roads. As part of the Saturday cycle training we also run Breeze rides which specifically target female cyclists and seek to develop their confidence through participating in a led bike ride.

Within our team we have a 'Dr Bike' cycle maintenance van which we take to various community events throughout the Borough. The 'Dr Bike' sessions are free of charge and involve our qualified cycle maintenance instructors performing a health check on people's bikes in order to ensure that they are road worthy and safe to ride.

Road Safety Sessions to Community Groups

As well as the above we also provide age appropriate road safety presentations to various community groups throughout the year. The presentations are specifically tailored to the needs of the groups and can be tailored to cover topics that are of concern or high importance to them. Groups and topics that we have covered in the past include;

- Child car seat checks at local children's centres in partnership with the Fire Service.
- Information about road safety and in car safety at Yemeni women's groups.
- Road Safety advice for people who speak English as an additional language.
- An overview on road safety for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers at tenants and residents associations.
- Road safety presentations for child minders groups.

School Crossing Patrol Service

The school crossing patrol service provides assistance to pedestrians making their journey to and from school. Each day during term time around 100 patrols are on duty across the Borough.

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